



ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT BY A NURSE IN A RESIDENTIAL AND LONG-TERM CARE CENTRE (CHSLD)

File number	
Resident's last name	
Resident's first name	
Year M	onth Day Sex
Date of birth	M F
Health insurance number	Year Month
	Expiry
Area code Phone number	Area code Phone number (alt.)

Oral assessment							
	Year Month Day	Year Month Day	Year Month Day	Year Month Day			
To assess Date							
Lips		□ 0 □ 1 □ 2		□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Tongue			□ 0 □ 1 □ 2				
Gums and palate	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Mucous membrane of the cheeks and lips	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Saliva		□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Natural teeth	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Present	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Dentures		□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Present	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Oral hygiene		□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
Pain	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2			
 0 = healthy: No abnormality 1 = slight deterioration: Slight abnormality present. If the area is shaded, send the resident to the dentist for a dental exam 2 = severe deterioration: Severe abnormality present. Send the resident to the dentist for a dental exam 							
Always provide daily oral hygiene care according to the appropriate reminder card. However, residents who are admitted with one or more very loose teeth (severe mobility) or severe oral pain, with or without facial swelling, must urgently see the dentist before receiving daily oral hygiene care.							
Carry out the suggested interventions for the main oral health problems							
	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Send the resident to the dentist							
	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Therapeutic Nursing Plan (TNP)							
TNP determined, adjusted	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Note written in file	☐ Yes ☐ No						
Nurse							
Name:							
Signature:							
Permit number:							

Structure	0 = healthy	1 = slight deterioration	2 = severe deterioration
Lips	Pink Moist Smooth	Redness at the corners Dry Chapped	Red, white or ulcered areas Swelling or puffiness Ulcered and bloody areas at the corners
Tongue	PinkMoistNormal	 Red, fissured and shiny without swelling Dry Patches on some of the surface Small ulcer visible 	Swelling Red or white patches on most of the surface Large ulcer visible
Gums and palate	PinkMoistSmoothNo bleeding	 Localized redness or swelling Dry Localized or light bleeding White patches, residue or coating on most of the surface Ulcer or painful area present under the dentures 	Diffuse redness or swelling Diffuse or heavy bleeding White patches, residue or coating on some of the surface Several ulcers present under the dentures
Mucous membrane of the cheeks and lips	PinkMoistSmooth	 Localized redness or edema with shiny appearance Dry Residue or coating on most of the surface Small ulcer visible 	Red or white patches or diffuse edema Residue or coating on some of the surface Large ulcer visible
Saliva	Abundant, watery and fluid Moist tissue	Minimal saliva Dry or sticky tissue	Minimal or no saliva Dry or red tissue Thick saliva
Natural teeth	No apparent cavitiesNo broken teethNo decaying or broken rootsNo looseness	Apparent cavityBroken toothDecaying rootSlightly loose tooth	 Several apparent cavities Several broken teeth Several decaying or broken roots Very loose tooth
Dentures	 Acrylic or metal structure in good condition Teeth in good condition Good retention and stability Identified dentures 	 Acrylic or metal structure broken (minor break) Broken or missing tooth Poor retention or stability with or without lesions on the mucous membrane, gums or palate Unidentified dentures 	 Acrylic or metal structure broken (major break) Several broken or missing teeth Does not wear their denture or denture is poorly adjusted Wears their denture only with an adhesive
Oral hygiene	No debris, food or tartar on teeth or dentures No bad breath	Localized presence of debris, food or tartar on teeth or dentures Bad breath noticeable during long interactions	General presence of debris, food or tartar on teeth or dentures Halitosis (very bad breath)
Pain	No pain or signs of oral pain (physical, verbal or behavioural)	Occasional signs of oral pain (physical, verbal or behavioural)	Frequent signs of oral pain (physical, verbal or behavioural)

Send the resident to the dentist for a dental exam and oral assessment.

Reference: J.M. CHALMERS et al., "The Oral Health Assessment Tool – Validity and Reliability", Australian Dental Journal, Vol. 50, No. 3, September 2005, pp. 191–199.